



INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION MEETINGS MINUTES FEBRUARY 22ND, 2010 – DENIS J. RIORDAN ROOM D BETHEL MUNICIPAL CENTER – 7:00P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman D. Goodrich, K. Stevens, P. Perrefort, G. Tiernan, W. Michael, R. Haas, and B. Cavagna, Inland Wetlands Agent.

Chairman Goodrich called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING **JEFF DAVENPORT, 7 WALNUT HILL ROAD, SITE** **PLAN/EQUIPMENT STORAGE**

Chairman Goodrich read the legal notice into the record. Jeff Davenport owner was present. The applicant is proposing to construct a 60 x 48 barn for farm equipment storage. Currently, there is a six-horse stall on the property that is going to be moved farther forward in order to make room for the new barn. Also, being proposed is an existing galvanized pipe that is rotted on the bottom and located alongside the pond. Mr. Davenport wants to replace the existing 15" rotted pipe with a 15" plastic pipe. Water flows through this pipe, going into a wetland which is on a neighbors property.

Mr. Davenport submitted a list of fertilizers/lubricants that are going to be stored in the new barn. He also stated what the ingredients and there purposes. The barn will have a full foundation and no floor drains. There will be no maintenance of heavy equipment done onsite; everything will be done offsite by a hired company already in place. Those who spoke: Joe Debao, 4 Bayberry Hill Road. Chairman Goodrich closed the public hearing.

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OLD WORLD SUBDIVISION, PUTNAM PARK ROAD, CEASE & DESIST ORDER, TIMBER HARVESTING

Attorney Chuck Andres was present, representing the Inland Wetland Commission. Attorney Ken Slater, Mr. Scott Lee, Harvester, and Rod Burgess, Connecticut State Certified Forester, were all present for the applicant. Mr. Slater gave a summary of what Mr. Lee was harvesting. Mr. Lee stated that he has been performing selective timber harvest on behalf of Genesis. Mr. Slater submitted a contract between Mr. Lee and Genesis Properties. He stated that Mr. Lee is not clear cutting, building, constructing a road, or filling in the wetlands; he is just there to selectively harvest approximately a 65-acre parcel, which is currently owned by Genesis Properties. There were some concerns with regards to disturbing the open space area. Mr. Lee stated that they have no plans on disturbing any of the open space and suggested that he could go in a mark on the topography and borders to make sure that it doesn't get disturbed. When he marks them, they are based on the A-2 maps and then he goes in and marks the trees as borders. Concern of crossing lot #20, Mr. Lee showed the commission on the map how he will go through the wetlands, by going in between the two wetlands. Mr. Lee explained the Best Management Practices for water quality by using a corduroy crossing. A corduroy crossing when egress and ingress of a specific area tops and/or brush overlaps, usually put in prior to crossing. This is what Mr. Lee uses when crossing streams. The hours of operation will be 8-6, 7 days a week. The reason for this is that, they don't necessarily work all 7 days. Depending on the weather, which is what decides what days they work or not. After harvesting they leave the tops there and back blade the whole site. If it is economically feasible, they come back in the fall and process the tops onsite and then back blade it again.

Motion made by D. Goodrich and seconded by W. Michael to lift the Cease & Desist of Old World Subdivision, Putnam Park Road, Timber Harvesting, and issue a declaratory ruling to exempt the project from the Inland Wetland Regulations of the Town of Bethel under section 115-6 as a permitted agricultural use. Motion passed with agreement of all parties.

MINUTES

Motion made by P. Perrefort and seconded by D. Goodrich to approve the minutes with the change of "Members Present", add Haas after the R. Should read R. Hass. Motion passed with changes.

TOWN OF BETHEL, EXPANSION OF SEWER, WETLANDS REVIEW, ROUTE 53/GRASSY PLAIN ST

B. Cavagna requested the Town Engineer come to the next meeting to go over and explain how the plan to extend the water main under is going to be done for the Grassy Plain Street area..

SEWER CONTRACT PHASE FOUR

The town of Bethel is proposing a pump station for phase 4 of the sewer expansion to be located off of research Drive at the lowest elevation adjacent to maple Row. The consensus of the commission was to let this application be handled by Staff.

Motion made by D. Goodrich and seconded by K. Stevens to adjourn at 9:30p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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